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endowment for the Vivekananda Vidyalaya High School, Vairichettipalayam in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) On an investigation of the matter by the department, it has been found that the complaint is not true.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: வைரச்செட்டிப்பாளையம் விவேகானந்தா உயர்தரப் பள்ளிக்கு எண்டோமெண்டு செய்யப்பட்ட நிலம் ரிசர்வு பாரஸ்டை ஒட்டிய நிலங்களா? அதை விசாரணை செய்ததில் அதிகாரிகள் சார்பாக நடக்கவில்லை என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: குறைந்தது ஆயிரத்து நூறு ரூபாய் வருமானம் வரும் நிலமாக இருக்கவேண்டும். இவ்வாண்டு அந் நிலத்தின் வருமானம் ஆயிரம் ரூபாய். நூறு ரூபாய்தான் குறைவு. ஆகவே, அதிகாரிகள் தவறாக நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்ல முடியாது.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: May I know what is wrong in the valuation of the land alleged in the complaint? Are the lands dry or wet and if they are wet lands, may I know, what is their extent?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the classification of the lands. But the whole matter was gone into and it was found that there was an annual income of about Rs. 1,000 from those lands. Therefore, there cannot be any serious complaint about the endowment.

Construction of a footpath from Moolakkatavu to Kunnanur in North Malabar

* 300 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to construct a footpath from Moolakkatavu to Kunnanur in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar and

(*b*) if so, when the construction work will begin?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The construction of a footpath from Moolakkatavu to Kunnanur in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, was included in the overall programme of the Payyanur Block for the quarter ended 31st December 1954.

(*b*) The execution of the work was dropped as both the Ramanthali Panchayat Board and the Grama Seva Sangam of the village were not prepared to take up the work with 50 per cent Government grant.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: I think, Sir, a small correction has to be made in the name of the village 'Kunnanur'. It should read as Kunnalur. In view of the fact that the people who have to

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travel from Moolakkatavu to Kunnalur have to walk about 4 furlongs in water and in view also of the fact that the Collector of Malabar has recommended that a footpath should be built from Moolakkatavu to Kunnalur, may I know whether the Government will take up the construction of the footpath? May I also know whether the Government have received any representations from the people that the scheme should be taken either under Local Development Works or under the schemes to be implemented under the Five-Year Plan? Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions that the construction of the footpath should be taken up either under the Local Development Works or under the Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Under the Local Development Works, 50 per cent contribution has to be found for the works. Since contribution is not forthcoming, it is not possible to take it up under Local Development Works. But as regards the suggestion of the hon. Member to take it up as a work to be implemented without any contribution from the people, a separate question may be put.

Preventive measures to fight against filaria in Malabar

* 301 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister
11-50 a.m. for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any statistics regarding the persons who suffer from filaria in the towns of Baliapatam, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Kozhikode, Ponnani and Fort Cochin in Malabar; and

(*b*) the preventive measures proposed to be taken in the Second Five-Year Plan to fight against filaria in the abovementioned towns?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) In all these towns excepting Ponnani, anti-filarial schemes are worked by the local bodies concerned with one-third grants from State funds. Under the National Filaria Control Programme which is in the Second Five-Year Plan, these schemes will be supplemented by more comprehensive control measures.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Ponnani is the worst filaria-affected town, but it is seen from the answer that that town is outside the scope of any scheme. May I know the reason why no scheme is in operation there and whether the Government have taken any other measure for the prevention of filaria there?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Panchayat Board at Ponnani did not accept to work the scheme on account of poor finances. Under the National Filaria Control Programme in the Second Five-Year Plan, it is proposed to have more comprehensive control measures.